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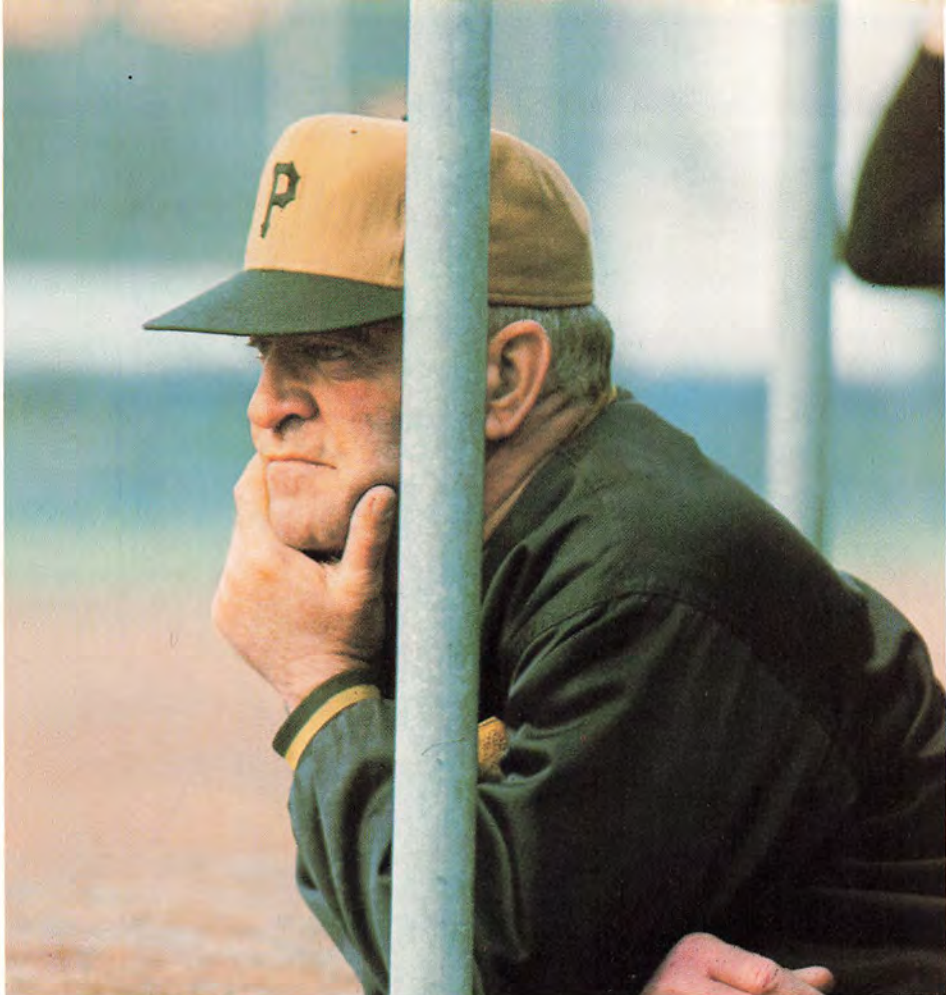
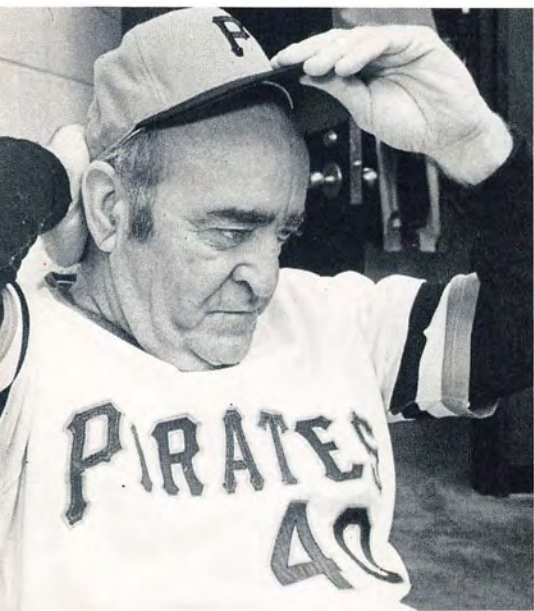
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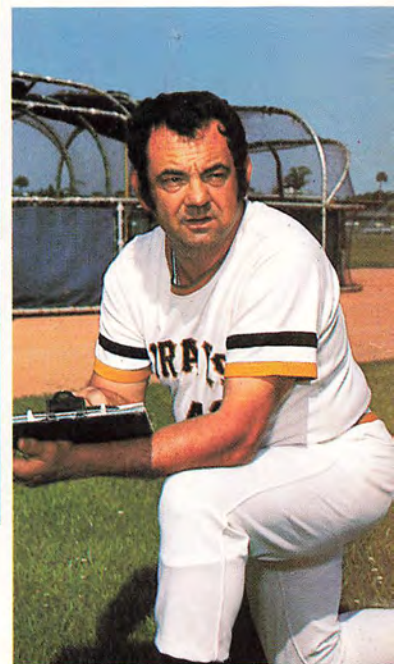
Don Osborn



Bob Skinner



Jose Pagan



Don Leppert



Danny Murtaugh



"Patience is what makes Danny Murtaugh a successful manager." . . . *Dave Giusti.*

Like the proverbial river, Danny Murtaugh keeps right on rolling along. He passed a significant managerial milestone in 1975 when the Pirate victory on August 20th became the 1000th of his managerial career. Only Fred Clarke owns more wins as a pilot of the Pirates, and Danny ranks 16th in winning percentage on the All-Time list of major league managers with ten or more years of service. Danny already holds the record for the most different times a manager has led the same team (4), and under his deft handling and manipulation of players, the Pirates have won two World Championships—in 1960 against the New York Yankees and in 1971 against the Baltimore Orioles; and Eastern Division titles four times in the last six years (Bill Virdon's team capturing another in 1972).



Coaches



"The Pittsburgh Pirates are a spectacular, talent-laden baseball team. They give fans what they want to see—guttwisting, eye-popping power, doubles, triples, homeruns and remarkable late-inning rallies." . . . *Bob Pastin, Score.*

Danny Murtaugh's coaches are much more than the manager's close friends and confidants. Each has been given certain important responsibilities, and their contributions to the Pirates' recent success have been substantial.

This is **Don Leppert's** ninth season on the Buc staff. Among his many duties is coaching the catchers, a position he played with both the Pirates and the Washington Senators in the '60's. He is one of a select group to have hit a home run in his first major league at bat and he hit three consecutive homeruns in D. C. Stadium in 1963.

Don Osborn brings 47 years of professional baseball experience to his job as pitching coach. He hurled in the

minor leagues for 21 years and was famous for his excellent control—one year pitching nine complete games without walking a man. Don also managed in the minor leagues for 12 seasons, so it is not surprising that he is respected as a keen judge of talent, at the same time possessing a fine rapport with his pitchers.

Jose Pagan, beginning his third season as the Pirates' first base coach, had the reputation of being a fine pressure player and clutch performer. His eighth inning double in the seventh game of the 1971 World Series drove in Willie Stargell with the winning Pirate run. He was an excellent shortstop with the San Francisco Giants and he became an outstanding pinch-hitter in the latter stages of his career. He has distinguished himself as a winning manager in the Puerto Rican League the past two winters.

Batting coach **Bob Skinner** returned to the Pirates in 1974 after starring in the Bucs' outfield during the 50's and 60's. His top season was 1958 when he hit .321 with 13 homers and 70 RBI's,

one of four occasions when he topped .300; and he was one of ten players to reach the right field roof at Forbes Field. Bob was twice selected to the N.L. All Star team and he played in the '60 and '64 World Series. He managed the Philadelphia Phillies in 1968-69.





John Galbreath



The Owners



"They play baseball the way it's supposed to be played. They don't mess around and try to finesse. They come out swinging, and they bring fans to the stadiums all over the League. Talk about the old Yankees and Dodgers, but classify Pittsburgh in that category too. How many guys could hit a ball out of a stadium like Stargell? How about Parker for sheer, natural power? I get chills everytime these guys come to the plate."
... *Tony Kubek, NBC.*

The Pirate ownership lends an aura of stability and dignity to the Pirate family. The Galbreaths, (Chairman of the Board, John and President, Dan) have earned the respect of their peers and have been appointed to various important owners' committees. Their interest in sports spills over into other areas, their Darby Dan Farm having produced two Kentucky Derby winners—Chateaugay in 1963 and Proud Clarion in 1967. Another horse, Roberto, named after Clemente, was the 1972 English Derby winner; and more recently Little Current won both the Belmont and the Preakness in 1974.

Tom Johnson, the ballclub's Vice President, is a noted Pittsburgh attorney who negotiates the radio-TV contracts for the Pirates; and his law firm represents the ball club in legal affairs. His sons, James and Tom Jr. are also Directors of the Pirates.



Dan Galbreath



Tom Johnson



Joe L. Brown



"As a shrewd trader . . . Joe Brown ranks among the best, aided by an excellent scouting staff, and sometimes, a little bit of luck."
 . . . *John Mehno, Score.*

A Major League Baseball General Manager has a myriad of duties and responsibilities, but his main concern is supplying the talent you see on the ball-field. This he does by trade, by purchase, and by development within the organization. Joe Brown has concentrated on the latter aspect to the extent that the eight Pirate starters (excluding the pitcher) last season were all "home-grown" products, but he has complemented this nucleus with the products of a variety of wise trades (60 in all) since he assumed the GM duties in 1955. The "Pirate Family" is Joe Brown's pride and joy, and five Eastern Division Titles in the last six years give him good reason to be proud.



The Formation of the Pirates

Year	Non-drafted Free Agents	Free Agent Draft (Commencing 1965)	Purchases and Trades
1958	Willie Stargell (1B)		
1964	Al Oliver (OF) Bob Robertson (1B) Manny Sanguillen (C)		
1965		Bob Moose (P) (#17)	
1966	Jim Minshall (P)	Richie Hebner (IF) (#1)	
1967		Richie Zisk (OF) (#3)	
1968	Frank Taveras (IF)	Bruce Kison (P) (#14)	
1969	Rennie Stennett (IF) Omar Moreno (OF) Kent Tekulve (P)		Dave Giusti (P) (From St. Louis)
1970	Jimmy Sexton (IF)	Dave Parker (OF) (#14) Ed Ott (C) (#23)	Mario Mendoza (IF) (From Mexico City)
1971	Tony Armas (OF) Miguel Dilone (OF) Odell Jones (P)	Craig Reynolds (IF) (#1)	Ramon Hernandez (P) (From Mexico City)
1972		Tim Jones (P) (#4) Larry Demery (P) (#7) John Candelaria (P) (#2)	Jim Rooker (P) (From Omaha)
1973	Rick Langford (P)	Mike Kavanagh (P) (#23) Doug Nelson (P) (#2) Steve Nicosia (C) (#1)	Jerry Reuss (P) (From Houston) Ed Kirkpatrick (OF-C) (From Kansas City)
1974		Randy Sealy (P) (#4)	Duffy Dyer (C) (From New York Mets)
1975			Bill Robinson (OF) (From Philadelphia) Doc Medich (P) (From New York Yankees) Tommy Helms (IF) (From Houston)



Willie Stargell



"The way he goes up there with that bat in his hand, he almost defies the pitcher to throw him a strike." . . . *Richie Zisk.*

"Stargell is class, all the way. He's my #1 man in Pittsburgh." . . . *Jimmy Wynn, Atlanta Braves.*

Willie Stargell is an enigma—an always gentle person playing a sometimes violent game. His importance as the team captain and undisputed leader of the Pirates was emphasized during the Pirates' disastrous road trip last season when they suffered 12 losses in 14 games with Willie missing 9 of the losses with a cracked rib. He maintains an even keel accepting victory or defeat without displaying too much emotion for either in the knowledge that there is always a tomorrow to be reckoned with, and his philosophy has become that of the Pirate team. He is the Pirates' all-time home run leader with 368 round-trippers, needing only one more to tie Ralph Kiner for 23rd on the all-time major league list and two more to tie Gil Hodges for 22nd and 10th on the National League listing. Willie ranks in the Pirates' top 10 in 10 different offensive categories, and he did a fine job defensively at first base last season. His mere presence in the lineup takes the pressure off the number three and five hitters. He has been honored on numerous occasions for his efforts in combatting Sickle Cell disease.

Left: With son Wilver, Jr. Below: 1975 Recipient of Phi Delta Theta's Lou Gehrig Award.





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Ed Kirkpatrick



"Kirkpatrick's net worth to the Pirates is incalculable. He can deliver the clutch hit when called upon, won't embarrass you in the field and can play several positions." *Bob Pastin, Score.*

Ed Kirkpatrick is categorized as a "utility man", but this designation in no way detracts from his value to the Pirate ball club. He was the club's leading pinch-hitter last season with 13 for 42 (.310) including one home run and 6 RBI's. Ed was especially effective as a pinch-hitter in the latter stages of the pennant race, hitting .438 in his last 16 at-bats (7 hits with 2 walks). Ed's contributions are not limited to his pinch-hitting role. His versatility enables him to play first base, all three outfield positions, and catch—and all in a highly professional manner.





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Dave Giusti



"When Giusti is going well, we're winning."
... *Danny Murtaugh.*

When a pitcher is directly involved in 31% of a team's 542 wins over a 6 year period, he must be doing something right. And this has been relief pitcher Dave Giusti's contribution (in wins and saves) to the Pirate cause since coming to the Bucs from St. Louis in time for the 1970 season. Dave holds the National League record for saves with 127. (The save rule was established in 1969.) He was a starting pitcher with Houston and St. Louis in the '60's before being converted to short relief upon joining



the Pirates. Dave's "out" pitch is a baffling palm ball; and despite a tender elbow, he won or saved several clutch games for the Bucs in '75.

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Bruce Kison



"In the days of September and October, the pressure days of baseball when you're with a contender, Bruce Kison has always been at his best." . . . *Bob Smizik, Pittsburgh Press.*

For the first time in his major league career, Bruce Kison was a regular starting pitcher. He set personal highs in 1975 with 12 wins, 29 starts, 192 innings pitched and six complete games. Bruce started off like gangbusters in 1975, winning 7 of his first 9 decisions. He has been especially successful on the Three Rivers Stadium mound, in the pressure packed month of September and in post-season play. His career record at Pittsburgh is 24-8 and he is 12-4 during the seasons' final month. He is 3-0 in Championship Series play and 1-0 in World Series competition. Bruce has a tough delivery for the opposing hitters to follow, especially the right handed batters. His repertoire includes a sinking fast ball and a hard slider.



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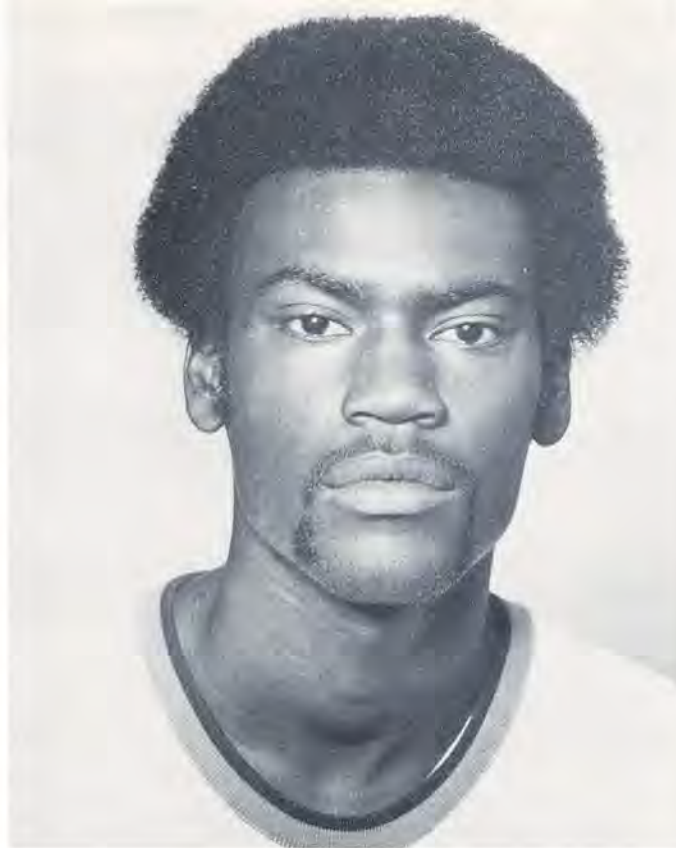
Odell Jones



"I'm glad to see them (the Pirates) leave town. They're ferocious." . . . *Sparky Anderson, Manager, Cincinnati Reds.*

"Top to bottom, there isn't a better team in baseball than the Pirates. I'm glad they're in the N.L. East, not the West." . . . *Wes Westrum.*

Right-handed pitcher Odell Jones had an outstanding '75 season with the Charleston Charlies. The 23 year old Californian led International League hurlers with 157 strikeouts and 188 innings pitched, tied for the league lead with 14 wins, tied for second with 11 complete games, and gave up an average of only six hits per game. He hurled a one-hitter, a two-hitter, two three-hitters and two four-hitters enroute to his selection on the I. L. All-Star Team.



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Tommy Helms

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"When you send mediocre pitching against the Pirates, you're going to get bombed."
... Dave Cash, Philadelphia Phillies.

The addition of Tommy Helms from Houston gives the Pirates a valuable utilityman who can contribute offensively and defensively. His .269 lifetime major league batting average is indicative of his batting prowess and he has the highest lifetime fielding percentage of any National League second baseman. Moreover, he can fill in capably at short and third.

Tommy makes good contact with the bat and three times he led the National League in fielding, thrice topped the senior circuit in doubleplays and was named to the League's All-Star squad on two occasions.

Last year a broken finger kept him out of the regular lineup for the first time in his 12-year major league career.

Helms was originally signed as a free agent by Cincinnati in 1959 and Pirate fans remember him for his fine play against the Bucs in the 1970 Championship Series, when he hit .273 and made some outstanding run-saving plays in the field.



The Helms Family—Rita and Tommy with Ryan and "Tucker"



Richie Hebner



"God gave me ability. As a result, I've met a lot of nice people. But I don't think of myself as a star. I try to keep a level head. I try to keep out of the limelight." . . . *Richie Hebner.*

1975 was a disappointing year for the Pirate third-baseman. Plagued by a persistent virus and then by muscle problems in his lower back, Richie's batting average dipped to a career low of .246. During the month of June, when he enjoyed good health, he hit 10 home-runs and drove in 21; but otherwise his production was sporadic. His 113 lifetime major league homers (15 in '75) are good for seventh place on the All-Time Pirate home run list, and five more round trippers will move him ahead of Dick Stuart's 117. Richie was one of only a few Pirates who had success against the Reds in the Championship Series, hitting .333.





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Al Oliver



"Oliver's the key guy. If he gets on, that means the big boys get up." . . . *Sparky Anderson, Manager, Cincinnati Reds.*

1975 was a typically fine Al Oliver year. The Pirate center fielder hit .280, slightly below his lifetime average, tied with Johnny Bench for 2nd in the league with 39 doubles, and (with Stennett) had the most hits on the team (176). Al collected his 1000th major league hit on May 13 off Tom Seaver to become the third active Pirate (with Stargell and Sanguillen) to reach this milestone. He has more hits than any other active player of a comparable age (29) with the exception of Johnny Bench. Al was picked to the National League All-star team for the second time and he doubled in a pinch hitting role. He was also named to the Sporting News N.L. All-Star squad on the basis of voting by his fellow-players. Al plays an active role in the local Big Brothers and Sisters organization.





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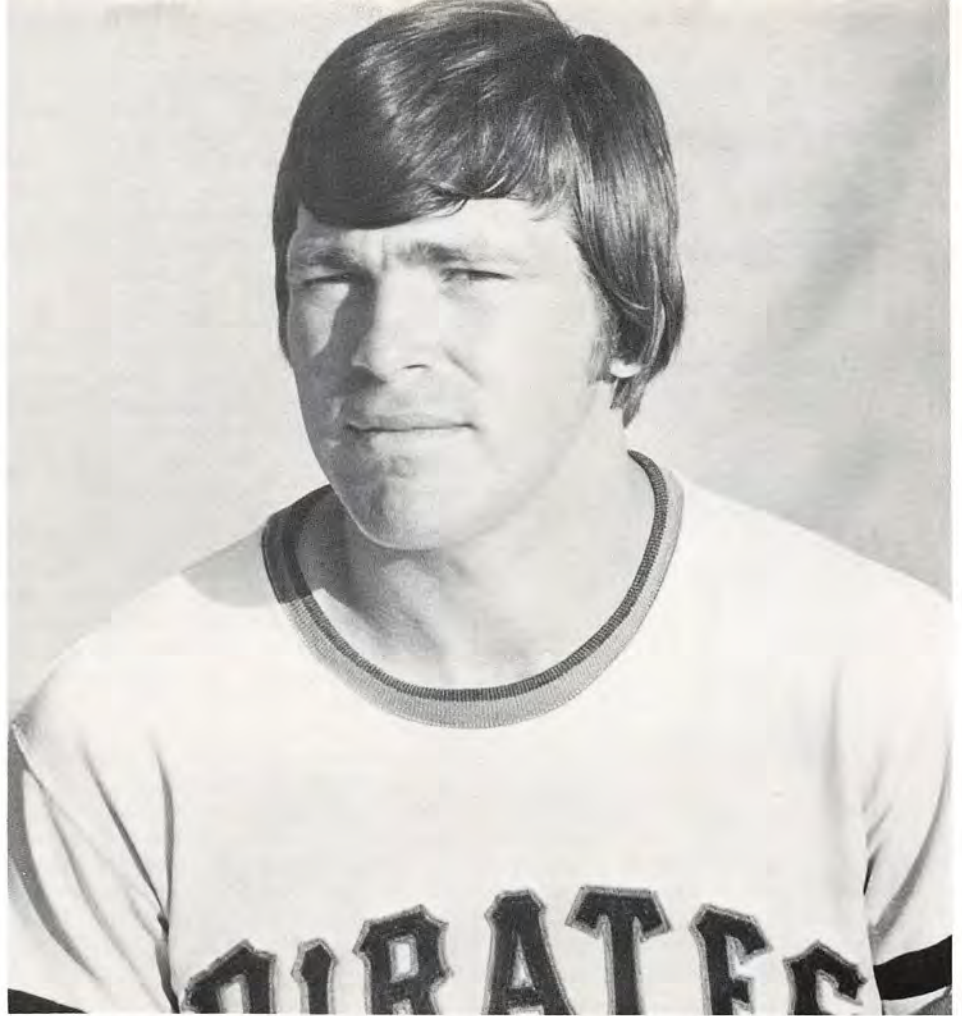


Ed Ott



"He can hit and throw and he's one of the greatest hustlers in the International League." . . . *the late Clint Courtney, Manager, Richmond Braves.*

Ed Ott was converted from outfielder to catcher in Spring Training, 1975; and the success of the experiment is evident by the fact that the hard-nosed competitor is in contention for a spot on the current Pirate roster. Playing for the Charleston Charlies last season, Ott led all International League catchers in put-outs and total chances while hitting .285 with 10 homeruns and 55 RBI's; and he threw out 32 would-be base-stealers. The 24-year old left-handed hitter has line-drive power and he possesses a strong, accurate arm.



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by **Harding Peterson**
Director of Scouting &
Minor League Clubs



I am very proud of our farm system. Last year we were the only team in baseball to field a complete team of regulars who were all developed within our own organization. We have more farm clubs—six—than any other team, and four of these finished in the first

division in their respective leagues in 1975. The success of our farm system over the years reflects the caliber of our scouts and minor league managers, and is a tribute to the job they do for us. Again this year we have an abundance of young players with the ability and attitude to someday wear the Pirate uniform.

20-year old Steve Nicosia is an outstanding catcher with a fine arm, and he is definitely a major league prospect. He is a line-drive hitter who should develop additional homerun power. Steve is the kind of a player who has what it takes to catch on a championship club.

We have several young prominent pitchers in our organization. Right-hander Tim Jones has been a winner wherever he's pitched, and he had a 16-6 record for our AA Shreveport, La. team last season. Tim possesses an assortment of pitches and good control. He is an excellent athlete who can help himself, and he knows what it's all about out on the mound.

Rick Langford is another right-hander who has been a pleasant surprise. We signed him as a free-agent in 1973, and he has made rapid strides toward the major leagues in a very short time. He has exceptional control of his fast ball, curve and change for a young and

relatively inexperienced pitcher. A top athlete, Rick is a fine runner and fielder. He pitched extremely well in winter ball.

Right-handed Mike Kavanagh was anxiously awaiting the '76 season but an elbow operation has sidetracked him temporarily. We were counting on him to pitch short relief in AAA ball this season. Mike has a very good fast ball, a hard slider and the mental equipment to come in from the bullpen; and he is a fierce competitor.

Doug Nelson is a young (21) left-hander with a major league fast ball and curve. He has the stuff to be a winner in the majors—all he requires is time and experience.

Randy Sealy, also 21, is a right-hander with a much-above average major league fast ball. He needs to improve on his breaking stuff, and when this happens, he could come fast. He has had a 22-10 record in his past two minor league seasons.

Rod Scurry was our #1 draft choice in 1974. He has one of the best curves in baseball and his fast ball is more than adequate. Like most young pitchers, he is shy on experience; but this young left-hander should be a fine major league pitcher someday soon.

Silvio Martinez is a youthful Dominican hurler who came along rapid-

Baseball dull game only for dull minds

By **Shirley Povich**
Washington Post



Despite the continuing dirge that baseball is dull, dated and a drag, it isn't baseball that is in trouble—only the people who think so.

Usually, they are the people won over by such comparatively outrageous new games as pro football, hockey and basketball and are happy to have their repressions spoon fed with double dollops of simple violence that embody only feeble skills compared to the multiple arts of the baseball player.

If Red Smith had never written more than the 11-word sentence that immortalized him for me, he would still be my hero. In what will stand forever as the classic putdown of all the idiots who qualify, Smith wrote, "Baseball is a dull game only to those with dull minds."

Those interludes in a ball game that are viewed by some as a bore are, in fact full of dynamics. That pitcher isn't merely fiddling around with the ball in his hand; chances are he is scared to throw it to that big baboon with a bat in his hand who's ready to knock it back down his throat. And the batter is not merely knocking the dirt out of his spikes. It's probably imaginary dirt, anyway. He's just a little bit reluctant to get into the batter's box against that old pro 60 feet, 6 inches away. And when

he does he'll be wondering whether the bum is gonna curve me again or try to blow me down with that good fast ball. It's High Noon on almost every pitched ball.

And that first baseman who is slapping his throwing hand against his mitt may be less eager for the next play than nervous about it. Big lefthanded hitters can decapitate a first baseman, you know. If that second baseman is playing a bit close to the bag, he may be cheating a bit. He's another year older and has lost that step, maybe a step and a half. And the third baseman who has decided to play it deep against that righthanded hitter is only being discreet. Smart.

That center fielder isn't just standing there. Look at him. He's ready to break toward right where the guy usually hits.

It's the greatest one-on-one game in the world, a naked contest between man and ball, a battle against flight and bounce and no help from my teammate. In that flash when the moment of truth is apparent, he can't hand off or hope for a blocker.

To the proper baseball fan, the constant acclaim for all the skills of the football and basketball players is tiresome.



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ly in 1975. He too has a superior fast ball and he is working hard on his breaking pitches, coming up with a hard slider last year in the Instructional League. His main need now is experience.

Any player who can play AAA ball after only 1½ years in pro-ball must be doing something right. Infielder Mike Edwards is one of the fastest runners in our organization and he is developing quickly as a hitter. He needs to work on his defensive play, but he should someday be a regular in the majors. Mike starred on the UCLA team, winning the Pac 8 batting title.

Jimmy Sexton can play all three infield positions and do a good job at each. His 48 stolen bases led the Texas League last season and he showed tremendous improvement with the bat in '75.

Shortstop Gary Hargis was our #2 draft in 1974. He can make all the plays in the field and he has hit well

in his 1½ years of pro ball. Gary is a line-drive, go-to-all-fields type who is long on ability but short on experience.

We also have a young third baseman who seems destined to follow in his father's footsteps. Dale Berra, Yogi's son, was our #1 draft in 1975. He has all the tools to be an outstand-

ing major league player. He can run, throw and hit for both power and average. Dale led the N.Y.-Pa. League in RBI's last season—his first in professional ball. Like so many young players with exceptional talent, he just needs a chance to play.

Three fine young outfielders are being groomed in our system for future
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Neither of those games has a single art form to compare with the ballet of baseball's double play at second base with its routine of catch, tag, pivot, relay and safe landing against 190 pounds of incoming spikes. Baseball, too, has its violence, and not only in the threat of the brush-back pitch that says it is no game for cowards.

Compared with the second baseman getting in and out of the line of fire, and executing the double play, the purveyors of basketball's fancy double-twist whatnot skyhooks and Larry Csonka's 5.5 yardage up the middle are as hulking clods in the view of the proper baseball fan. Nor is he impressed by the sideline antics of basketball's hammy, flip-flop coaches.

There is no explanation for those who prefer hockey, with its overrated violence. Hockey's athletes are padded like moonwalkers, especially the goalies who get help in making saves by wearing mattresses on each arm, upholstered shin pads on each leg, gauntlet gloves pulled over everything, plus a big crooked stick.

I say it is significant, too, that of the so-called big sports, only baseball has lent itself to excellent literature. Football, basketball and hockey have nothing

to match Roger Kahn's "Boys of Summer," and Roger Angell's "The Summer Game" as books that will live.

The other sports have generated no such quality of writing, obviously because they could not match the deep emotions and substantive human drama in the baseball story. Dan Jenkins and Pete Gent made good tries with "Semi-Tough" and "North Dallas Forty," but at the finish they were only good, entertaining books on pro football, mere fluff compared to the moving stuff that Kahn and Angell write about the game they liked, and the people in it.

Another thing. Baseball alone of the mass-interest sports we talk about, is not governed by that gawddam clock, that miserable time-piece in the sky that reduces the final stages of football, basketball and hockey games to either (1) a meaningless bore, (2) a farcical countdown or (3) a cruel and heartless frustration for the team that is finally revved up to come from behind. In baseball, no clock, no stall, there is all day or all night in which to stage a big inning, or extra innings in case they did not quite bring it off. No final gun until every opportunity is exhausted.

There is evidence the whole complaint about baseball is a bad rap, any-

way. Where is the diminishing interest? Last season, for the third year in a row, major league attendance hit the 30 million mark. Ten years ago, they played to 20 million. A second network, ratings-crazy ABC, has just bought into the baseball business, adding up to a \$92 million package for four years. The average salary of \$46,000 tends to refute any claim that baseball has become a losing business, and there are more \$100,000 players in baseball, 50, than in football and perhaps basketball combined.

Baseball is the only pure sport. No team gets into the playoffs unless it is a division champion. A second place team in pro football could win the playoffs and wind up as the league champion. Basketball, with all its gimmicks, is letting third-place teams into its playoffs, and some team could well make it with a below .500 record. And even wind up as champion of the whole basketball business. For the scoffers, it is a reminder that only the grand old wonderful game of baseball is keeping the faith.

roles with the Pirates. Miguel Dilone, only 21, is one of the fastest runners in baseball. A line-drive, switch-hitter, Miguel can go and get the ball with the best of them; and he had a super winter in the Dominican League. You'll be seeing more of him in Pittsburgh in the near future.

Omar Moreno is also one of the top speedsters in the game. The 23-year old left-handed hitter is an excellent defensive outfielder with a good arm and occasional homerun power. He had an outstanding year in AAA ball last season and he'll soon be a candidate for the Pirates.

Alberto Louis is a short, compact, strong young outfielder who can do it all—run, throw and hit with some power. He batted over .300 in the Carolina League (Class A) in 1975 and he has the ability to be a regular major league center fielder on a championship club once he has the benefit of experience.

If I seem excited over our minor league prospects, you're right—I am enthused. We feel that the only way to build a Pirate winner is through our farm system. Trades can help to fill in certain spots where we might be a little weak, but the minor league organization continues to be our major source of talent.



Pirettes

Ruth Blasko, Debbie Belles, Gina Migliorini, Denny Ellis, Michele Dias.

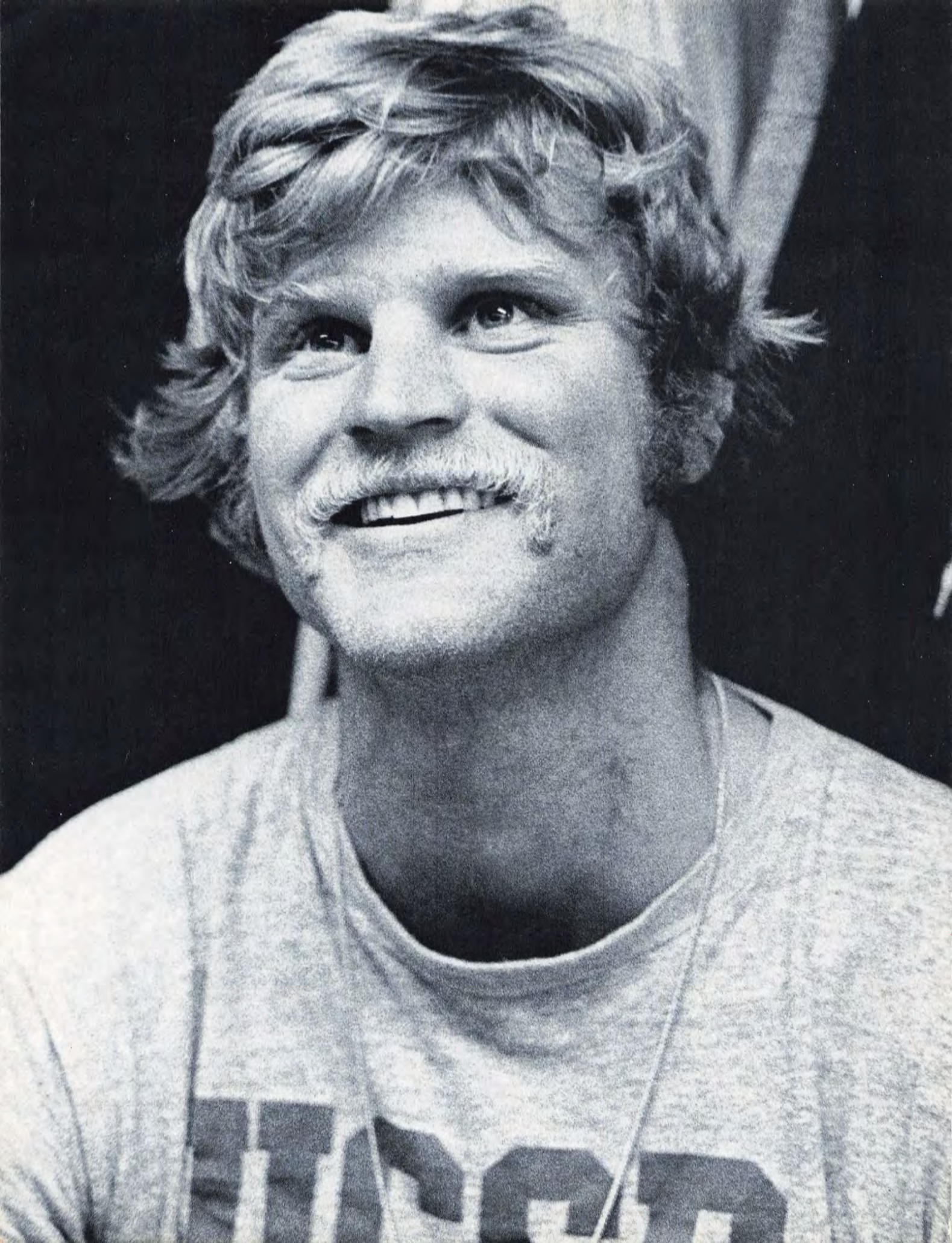
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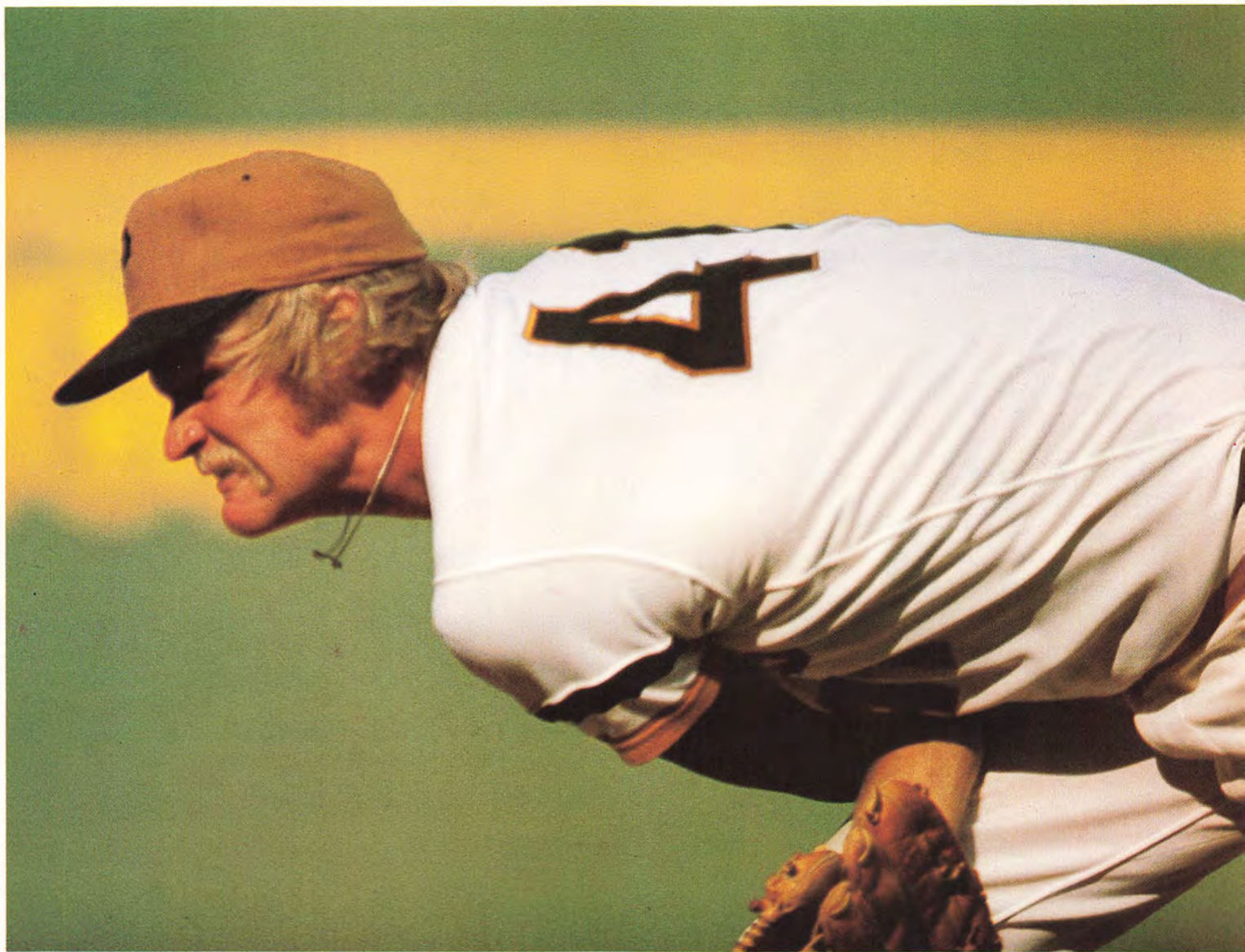


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Jerry Reuss



"If it weren't for Baseball, I probably wouldn't have seen many of the things I've seen and I probably wouldn't have been able to do many of the things I've been able to do. Baseball has done a lot for me and I hope I've contributed to Baseball." . . .
Jerry Reuss.

Jerry Reuss was the Pirates' best pitcher in 1975 and one of the top left handers in the League. His moving fast ball and hard curve resulted in 18 wins and tied him for 4th among his peers in the league; and he was 4th in ERA (2.54), tied for second with 6 shutouts, tied for 3rd with 15 complete games and had the 2nd best won-lost percentage (.562). He set career highs for himself in 1975 in wins, winning percentage, complete games, shutouts and ERA. Jerry had the honor of starting the 1975 All-Star Game in Milwaukee, and he hurled three scoreless innings. His 81 career wins are more than any other active National League pitcher at a comparable age (26).





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Bill Robinson

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"Being with the Pirates is the happiest I've ever been in baseball. So many gave up on me, but this club has shown me that I can contribute. I love this ballclub. It's great to be a Pirate. This is a loose bunch of guys and if you can't take a joke, you'd better get out of the clubhouse. Everybody does his job on this club. They don't talk about it. They do it." . . . *Bill Robinson.*

There's an old baseball adage that the best trades are often the ones that aren't made, but some of the ones that do materialize turn out to be winners too. Such was the transaction that put a Pirate uniform on Bill Robinson at the end of '75 Spring Training with Wayne Simpson going to the Phillies. With judicious use by Danny Murtaugh, Bill proved a tremendous asset at the plate, on the bases, and anywhere in the outfield, which he played in a very professional manner. Bill possesses an accurate arm, throws to the right base and consistently hits the cut-off man. His average hovered near .300 most of the season, and he hit .305 in a starter's role with six game-winning hits.



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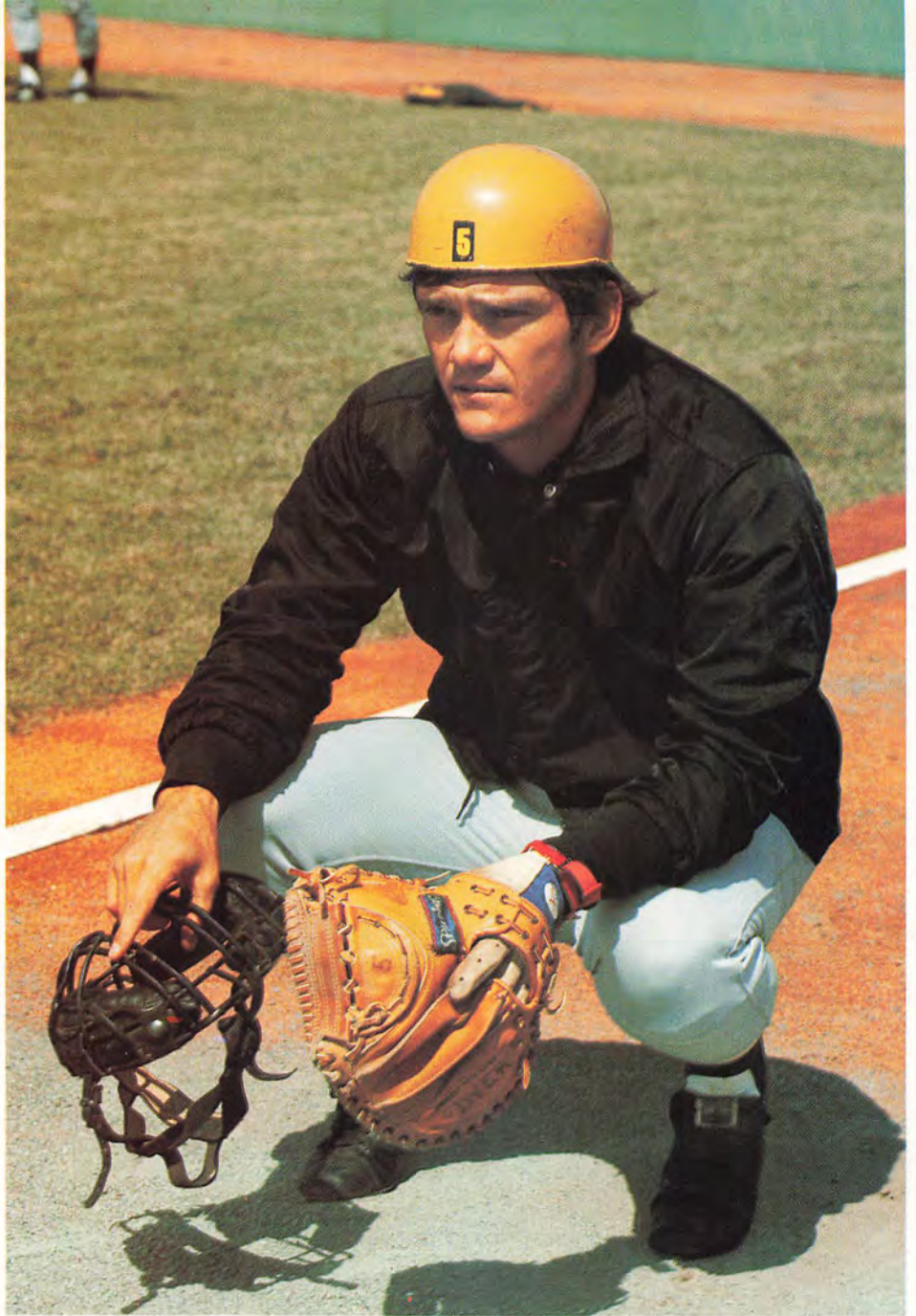
Duffy Dyer



"Duffy is an excellent receiver with a strong and accurate throwing arm." . . . *Luke Quay, McKeesport Daily News.*

"It's the same game I dreamed about as a little boy. I still want to play. They emphasize hitting over here (with the Pirates) much more than they did in New York. You get much more time to swing the bat in practice. One-half of batting is mental. Just being around these guys should help my hitting." . . . *Duffy Dyer.*

When Duffy Dyer was obtained from the New York Mets for Gene Clines the Pirates felt they were getting the best #2 catcher in baseball; but as it turned out, Duffy delivered some timely hits as well. One was his 15th inning homerun in the first game of a doubleheader against the Mets on August 3 after New York had taken three in a row and another was his 8th inning pinch-hit which tied the game against Montreal on September 14 and which resulted in a throwing error permitting the winning run to score. He hit .429 the final month of the season including a three game stint when he was 7 for 8. Duffy does an excellent job handling pitchers and he has a fine arm. A keen student of the game, he is considered to be future managerial material.





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1975 Pittsburgh Pirates

National League Eastern Division Champions

FRONT ROW, Seated, Left to Right—Frank Taveras, Manny Sanguillen, Coach Bob Skinner, Coach Don Leppert, Manager Danny Murtaugh, Coach Don Osborn, Coach Jose Pagan, Willie Randolph, Al Oliver and Equipment Manager John Hallahan.

MIDDLE ROW, Standing, Left to Right—Trainer Tony Bartirome, Team Physician Dr. Joseph Finegold, John Candelaria, Dave Giusti, Rennie Stennett, Ken Brett, Duffy Dyer, Jimmy Rooker, Jerry Reuss, Larry Demery, Ramon Hernandez, Ed Kirkpatrick and Traveling Secretary John Fitzpatrick.

BACK ROW, Standing, Left to Right—Kent Tekulve, Craig Reynolds, Art Howe, Bill Robinson, Willie Stargell, Bruce Kison, Dave Parker, Richie Zisk, Bob Robertson and Richie Hebner.

BAT BOYS—Tom Briercheck and Gary Hallahan



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Kent Tekulve



"I love the game. I'll be playing as long as I can, even if it's only in a beer league or softball on Sunday afternoons." . . . *Kent Tekulve.*

The 29 year old side-armer began the '75 season with the Charleston Charlies and a 5-4 record and 1.78 ERA the first half of the season won him his promotion to the majors on June 26. Used most effectively against right-handed

batters at Charleston, he was a pleasant surprise under major league pressure as he proceeded to hurl effectively against both lefties and righties; and he took some of the pressure off Dave Giusti and Ramon Hernandez. He finished the season with the lowest ERA on the Pirate staff—2.25 while winning one, dropping two and saving five. One of his saves was the September 22 division clincher against the Phillies in which he hurled the final four innings. Kent has been waiting a long time for an opportunity in the majors and he is determined to make the most of it, now that he has finally arrived on the scene.





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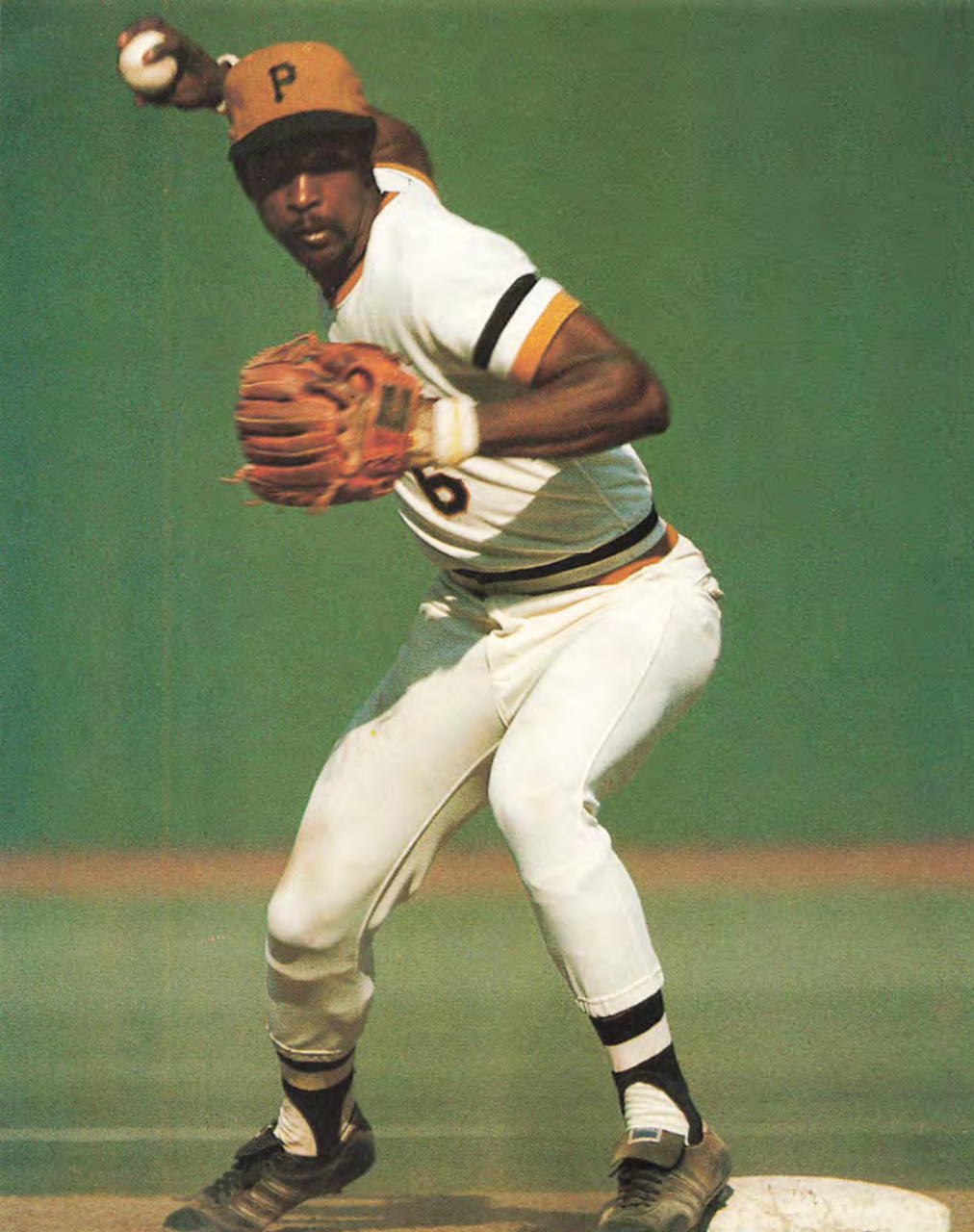
Manny Sanguillen



"Manny lights up a clubhouse the way Redd Foxx lights up a TV screen. His face always looks like a guy who just found a \$100 bill in an old Christmas card. He's so friendly he'd shake hands with King Kong." . . . *Phil Elderkin, Christian Science Monitor.*

The smiling Panamanian with the shaved head and the sunny disposition is among the finest catchers in the game. He finished third in the league in hitting with a .328 average, which was also his personal high for a season. 1975 was the fourth time in his major league career that Manny hit over .300 with the others being 1969 (.303), 1970 (.325) and 1971 (.319); and in so doing he boosted his lifetime average to .304. His 48 walks last season more than doubled his previous high of 21 in both '72 and '74. Manny recorded his 1000th major league hit on April 30, and he represented the Pirates in the 1975 All-Star Game. Durable Manny also has fine speed for a catcher.





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Rennie Stennett



"We have by far the best defensive second baseman in baseball. He holds our infield together. Nobody is able to charge a ground ball, go back on a pop fly, or make the double play as well as Rennie." . . . *Danny Murtaugh.*

"No one in baseball tries harder than Rennie Stennett." . . . *Joe L. Brown.*

On September 16 in Chicago, hustling Rennie Stennett did what no other player had done in modern baseball history. Rennie came to bat seven times in the 9 inning game, and banged out seven hits (5 singles and 2 doubles). He continued his surge the following night in Philadelphia, going 3 for 5 and setting another modern major league record with 10 hits in two consecutive nine-inning contests. His 2 for 4 the next night equalled a National League record of 12 in three games. Rennie tied Al Oliver for the most hits on the team in 1975 (176) and he set personal career highs with 62 RBI's and 33 walks en route to a .286 average. Defensively too, Rennie excelled, playing the best second base seen in Pittsburgh since the Bill Mazeroski era. His outstanding range makes him the best fielding second-baseman in the league today.





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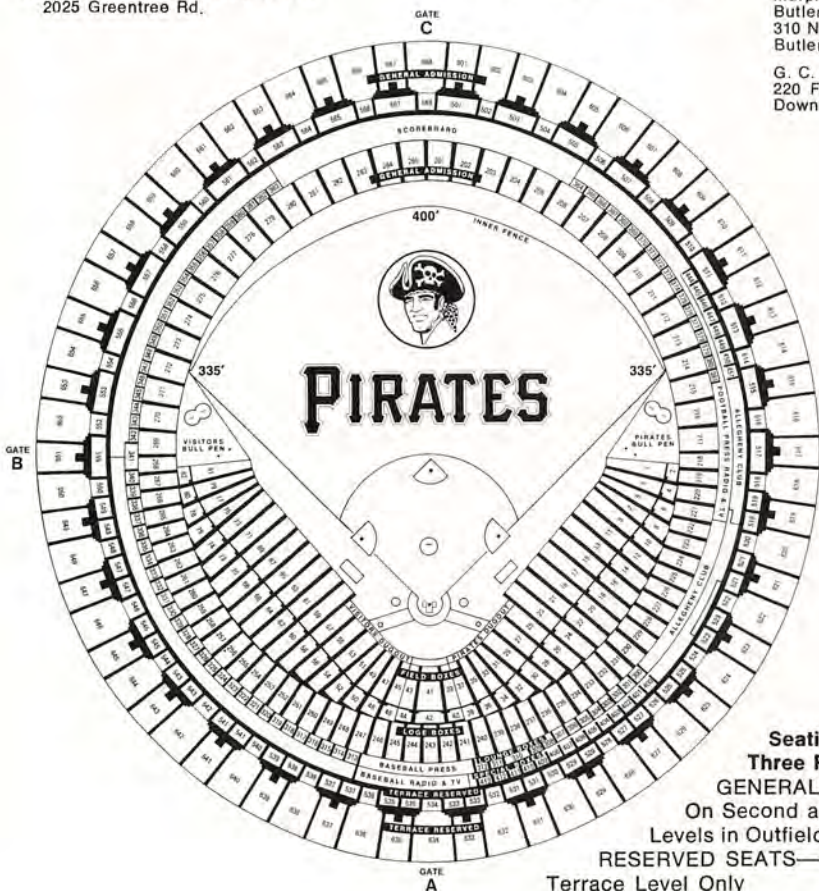
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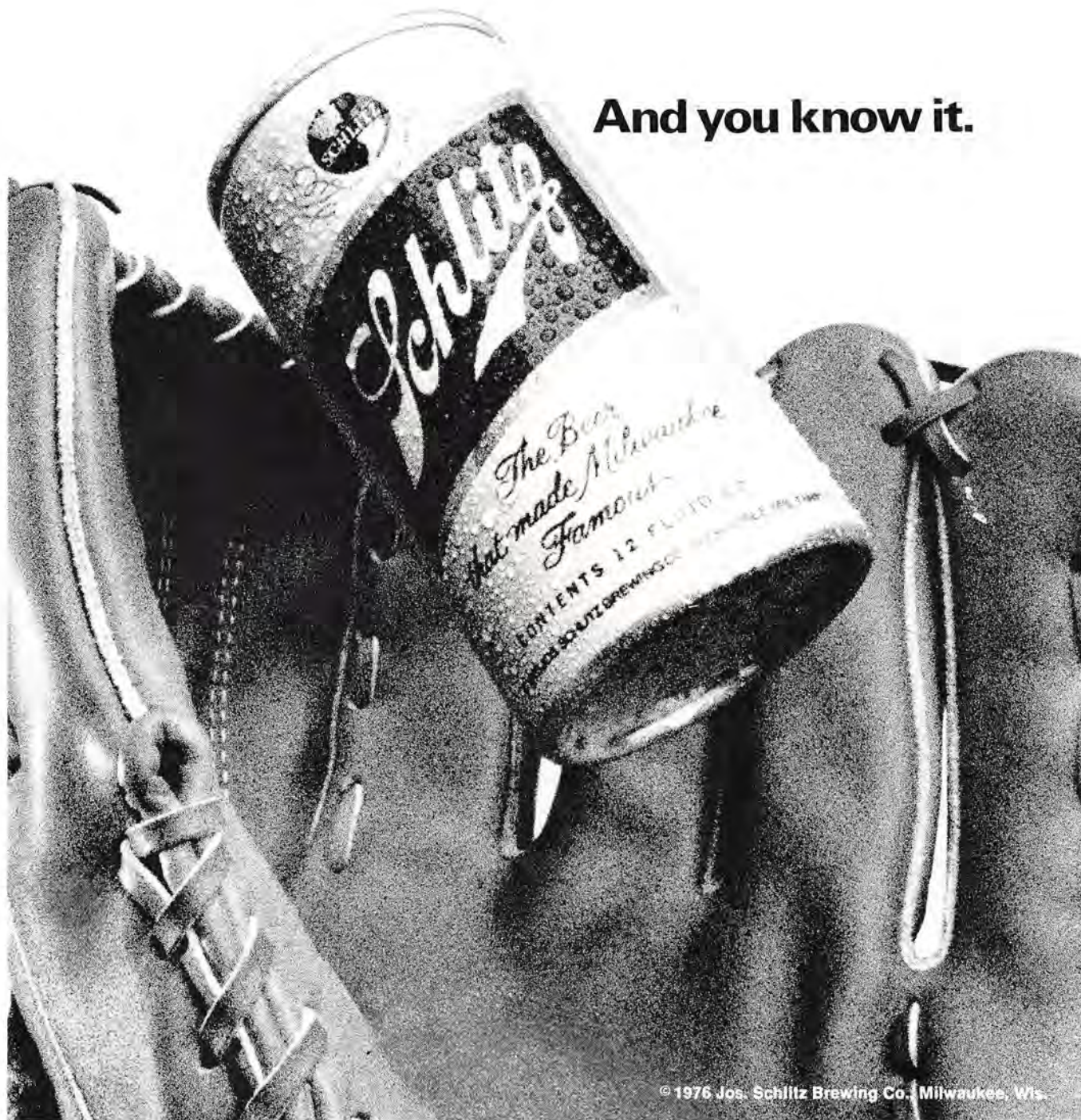
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Donna and George with daughter Kelly.

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Doc Medich

"Panic isn't the Pirates' style. Success breeds confidence." . . . *Frank Dolson, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.*

"The pros on this club are at their best in September." . . . *Frank Dolson, Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.*

The Pirates will not be without a "Doc" in 1976, having obtained senior medical student George Medich from the Yankees for Dock Ellis, Willie Randolph and Ken Brett.

There are some who felt that the Pirates relinquished a great deal of talent to acquire the big (6-5, 225) right-hander, but Pirate General Manager Joe L. Brown has been swapping long enough to know that you have to sacrifice quality to obtain quality in return. Starting pitchers of the caliber of Doc Medich are not available every day. He has won 49 games during his three years in the major leagues and his 43 complete games are testimony to his durability. George spent his undergraduate days at Pitt where he played baseball and football.



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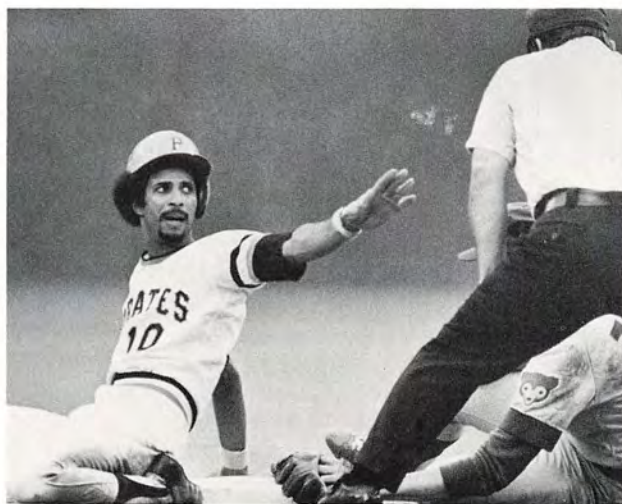


Frank Taveras



"The big thing is to win. I've been working hard because I know this team needs good defense, and that's what I'm here for." . . . *Frank Taveras.*

Frank Taveras was the regular Pirate shortstop for most of the '75 season, appearing in 134 games. His .212 batting average was disappointing, but like Richie Zisk, he saved his best until last. The Pirates bounced back following a disastrous August road trip during which they won only two while dropping 12, and Frank's batting average from this point until the end of the season was an improved .255 with a .354 on-base percentage. Frank seemed more relaxed the second half of the season and consequently, he became more aggressive at the plate. He led the team with 17 stolen bases in 1975 and grounded into only two doubleplays, an indication of the wiry Dominican's excellent speed.



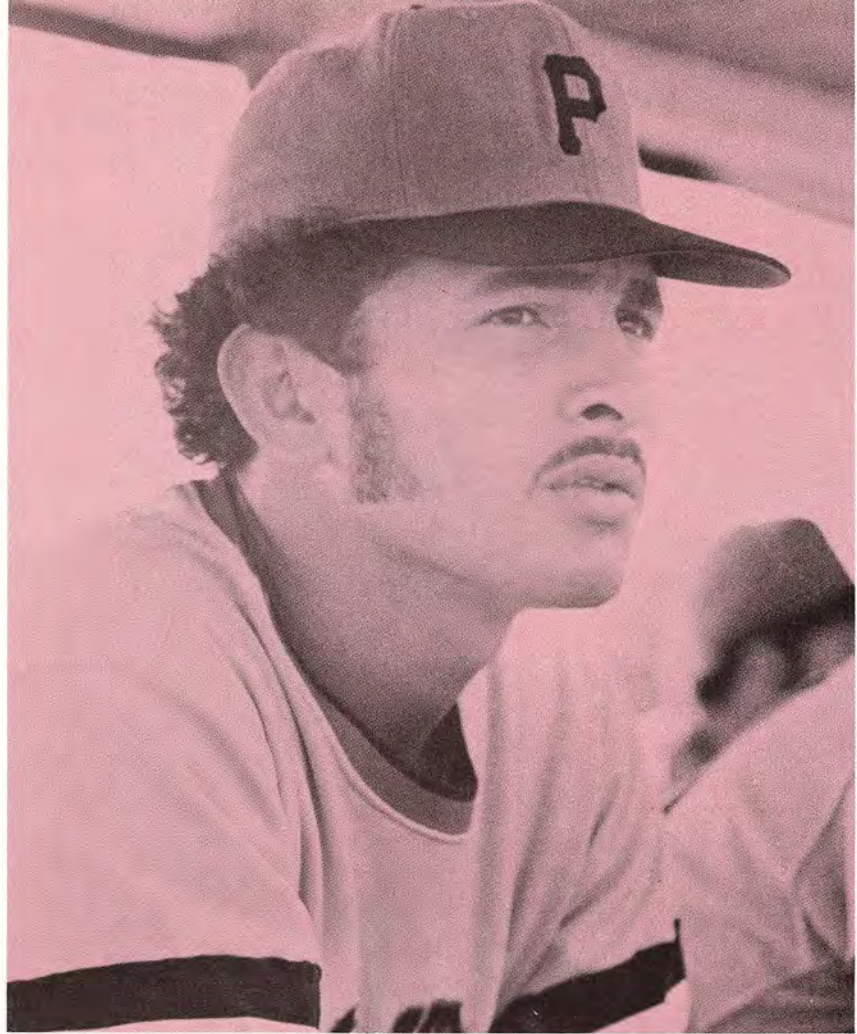
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Tony Armas



"It's a matter of poise and class. These guys stick together and play as a finely tuned machine. When one of them is slumping, there's always someone else to pick it up and keep it going. The Pirates have more power than you can shake a stick at. Guys like Stargell, Oliver, Zisk and Hebner scare the hell out of you when they come up. And then you have a kid like Parker. I'd say he's one of the two best young prospects in the league along with our own Dave Winfield. And look at Bob Robertson on the bench. He sits there and waits, then he comes out and knocks a pinch-hit homer to beat you." . . .
John McNamara, Manager, San Diego Padres.



In his first year in AAA ball, Tony Armas finished in the International League's Top Ten in seven different offensive categories—batting average, total bases, slugging percentage, doubles, RBI's, hits and runs scored. Playing right field, he tied league outfielders with 14 assists while hitting .300 with 12 homeruns and 72 RBI's. At the age of 22, the right-hand hitting Venezuelan was named to the I.L. All-Star Team.



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Richie Zisk



"If I had one piece of advice to give young hitters, I'd tell them to copy Zisk's style."
... Charlie Fox, San Francisco Giants.

It is hardly a coincidence that the Pirates' reversal of form following a disastrous 2-12 road trip in August last year coincided with a Richie Zisk batting tear. The Pirate left fielder with the picture swing hit .368 over the final 35 games of the season with 8 home runs, 12 triples, 10 doubles and 31 RBI's—all good for a .680 slugging percentage. Richie set personal major league highs with his 20 homers and 68 walks, and he led the club with 12 game-winning hits. He finished the year batting .290; and after three full seasons with the Pirates, his lifetime batting average is a dandy .303.



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Dave Parker



"You try to make the most of a career while you can. You know some day you're going to have to go out and make room for others. It's really great to play with a guy like Parker because he brings out the best in me. I know when the time comes for me to leave, he'll be the kind of player who can carry a club on his back and take it to the title." . . . *Willie Stargell.*

"The 6-5, 225-pounder can run and throw as well as pound the ball like a blacksmith beats an anvil." . . . *Bob Hunter, Los Angeles Herald Examiner.*

Ever since he signed with the Pirates in 1970, soothsayers have been predicting super seasons for the giant Cincinnati. 1975 was already one of those super years. Dave led the National League with a .541 slugging percentage, boasting such credentials as a .308 batting average, 25 homeruns, 10 triples, 35 doubles and 101 RBI's, including six in one game on May 9 vs. the Dodgers; and 10 times he came through with game-winning hits. Furthering his reputation as a complete player, Dave excelled in right field, using his great speed to good advantage and displaying a rifle arm. Dave was voted a berth on the Sporting News National League All-Star team by his fellow-players.





In the Booth...

A new broadcast team will be behind the KDKA mikes in 1976. **Milo Hamilton** comes to Pittsburgh from Atlanta, where he was the "Voice of the Braves" since 1966. Earlier in his career he did play-by-play for the St. Louis Browns, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox. His broadcast of Hank Aaron's 715th home run is the highlight of his 25 years as a major league announcer. He and his wife Arlene have a daughter, Patty Joy, an airline stewardess and a son, Mark, a Junior at Georgia Tech.

His partner in the booth will be **Lanny Frattare**, who like so many of the current Pirates, earned his spurs with the Charleston Charlies as their play-by-play announcer. A Rochester, N.Y. native, Lanny also was the announcer for the Rochester Americans hockey team. Lanny and his wife, Elizabeth, have an infant son, David.



Milo Hamilton



Lanny Frattare

and In the Clubhouse

Milt Graff, the Pirates' Traveling Secretary, has the responsibility of transporting the ballclub from city to city, a duty which runs the gamut from hotel arrangements to buses and airplanes; from player meal money to visas and passports; and from players' tickets to rooming lists. A second baseman with Kansas City in the late '50's, Milt remained in baseball in various capacities following his playing career, and he was the Director of Operations at Three Rivers Stadium when it opened in 1970. Most recently he has been a manager for Price-Waterhouse, a public accounting firm in their Dallas, Texas office. The Jefferson Center, Pa. native attended Penn State and Lycoming College. He and his wife Bernie have four children, Diane (17), Gail (16), Cecilia (13) and Steve (10).

The Pirates are equally fortunate in having an extremely competent and dedicated team "behind the scenes". Trainer **Tony Bartirome** can identify with the ailing athletes. He was the Pirate first baseman in 1952, when he established a club record by not grounding into a single double play during the entire season. Tony played professionally for 11 years and he coached for the Pirates' AAA Columbus (Ohio) affiliate, becoming the Bucs' trainer in 1963.

Equipment manager **John Hallahan** has been on the job at Forbes Field and Three Rivers Stadium for 35 years,



Milt Graff



Tony Bartirome



John Hallahan



Dr. Joseph Finegold

starting as the visiting club batboy in 1941. John's responsibilities now include maintaining the Pirate locker room, packing and shipping all the equipment to and from Spring Training and throughout the season, and constantly providing the players with clean, well-fitting uniforms.

Team physician, **Dr. Joseph Finegold** has been administering to Pirate play-

ers and to the Pirate family for 28 years. A native Pittsburgher and a graduate of the University of Maryland, "Dr. Joe" is on the staffs of Presbyterian, Montefiore and Allegheny General Hospitals, and he is a professor of oral surgery at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine. He is president of Major League Baseball's Physicians Association.

1976 PIRATE ROSTER

Manager: **DANNY MURTAUGH (40)** — Coaches: **DON LEPPERT (43)**, **DON OSBORN (42)**, **JOSE PAGAN (2)**, **BOB SKINNER (4)**

Trainer: **TONY BARTIROME** — Traveling Secretary: **MILT GRAFF**

Team Physician: **DR. JOSEPH FINEGOLD** — Equipment Manager: **JOHN HALLAHAN**

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45	Candelaria, John	L	L	6-7	215	11/ 6/53	New York, N. Y.	Charleston	10	61	7	1	1.78
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44	Demery, Larry	R	R	6-0	168	6/ 4/53	Bakersfield, Calif.	Pittsburgh	45	115	7	5	2.90
31	Giusti, Dave	R	R	5-11	200	11/27/39	Seneca Falls, N. Y.	Pittsburgh	61	92	5	4	2.93
36	Hernandez, Ramon	L/R	L	5-9	180	8/31/40	Carolina, P.R.	Pittsburgh	46	64	7	2	2.95
17	Jones, Odell**	R	R	6-3	170	1/13/53	Tulare, Calif.	Charleston	26	188*	14†	9	2.68
								Pittsburgh	2	3	0	0	0.00
51	Jones, Tim**	R	R	6-4	210	1/24/54	Sacramento, Calif.	Shreveport	24	172	16*	6	3.03
46	Kavanagh, Mike**	R	R	6-1	185	4/13/52	Baltimore, Md.	Shreveport	17	115	9	6	3.67
								Charleston	9	36	1	1	5.94
25	Kison, Bruce	R	R	6-4	179	2/18/50	Pasco, Wash.	Pittsburgh	33	192	12	11	3.23
50	Langford, Rick**	R	R	6-0	180	3/20/52	Farmville, Va.	Shreveport	16	42	5	2	3.61
								Charleston	13	65	7	2	3.34
32	Medich, George	R	R	6-5	225	12/ 9/48	Aliquippa, Pa.	N. Y. Yankees	38	272	16	16	3.51
29	Minshall, Jim**	R	R	6-6	206	7/ 4/47	Campbell County, Ky.	Charleston	45	65	3	4	1.38
								Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	0.00
38	Moose, Bob	R	R	5-11	190	10/ 9/47	Export, Pa.	Charleston	5	36	2	2	3.28
								Pittsburgh	23	68	2	2	3.71
30	Nelson, Doug**	L	L	6-3	193	7/29/54	Charleston, W. Va.	Shreveport	26	161	8	10	3.86
41	Reuss, Jerry	L	L	6-5	216	6/19/49	St. Louis, Mo.	Pittsburgh	32	237	18	11	2.54
19	Rooker, Jim	R	L	6-0	201	9/23/42	Lakeview, Ore.	Pittsburgh	28	197	13	11	2.97
47	Sealy, Randy**	R	R	6-1	200	9/ 6/54	Freeport, Tex.	Shreveport	23	139	10	5	4.35
27	Tekulve, Kent	R	R	6-4	165	3/ 5/47	Cincinnati, Ohio	Charleston	24	71	5	4	1.78
								Pittsburgh	34	56	1	2	2.25
CATCHERS (4)													
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5	Dyer, Duffy	R	R	6-0	195	8/15/45	Dayton, Ohio	Pittsburgh	48	132	3	16	.227
48	Nicosia, Steve**	R	R	5-10	187	8/ 6/55	Paterson, N. J.	Shreveport	110	370	6	39	.268
14	Ott, Ed**	L	R	5-10	185	7/11/51	Muncy, Pa.	Charleston	121	425	10	55	.285
								Pittsburgh	5	5	0	0	.200
35	Sanguillen, Manny	R	R	6-0	189	3/21/44	Colon, Panama	Pittsburgh	133	481	9	58	.328
INFELDERS (9)													
3	Hebner, Richie	L	R	6-1	197	11/26/47	Boston, Mass.	Pittsburgh	128	472	15	57	.246
15	Helms, Tommy	R	R	5-10	177	5/ 5/41	Charlotte, N. C.	Houston	64	135	0	14	.207
11	Mendoza, Mario	R	R	5-11	180	12/26/50	Chihuahua, Mex.	Pittsburgh	56	50	0	2	.180
								Charleston	31	106	0	8	.274
12	Reynolds, Craig**	L	R	6-1	175	12/27/52	Houston, Tex.	Charleston	108	425	6	42	.308
								Pittsburgh	31	76	0	4	.224
7	Robertson, Bob (1B)	R	R	6-1	215	10/ 2/46	Frostburg, Md.	Pittsburgh	75	124	6	18	.274
26	Sexton, Jimmy**	R	R	5-9	160	12/12/51	Mobile, Ala.	Shreveport	103	383	3	28	.274
8	Stargell, Willie (1B)	L	L	6-2½	228	3/ 6/41	Earlsboro, Okla.	Pittsburgh	124	461	22	90	.295
6	Stennett, Rennie	R	R	5-11	175	4/ 5/51	Colon, Panama	Pittsburgh	148	616	7	62	.286
10	Taveras, Frank	R	R	6-0	160	12/24/50	Villa Vasquez, D.R.	Pittsburgh	134	378	0	23	.212
OUTFIELDERS (8)													
49	Armas, Tony**	R	R	5-11	182	7/12/53	Anzoatequi, Venezuela	Charleston	128	450	12	72	.300
37	Dilone, Miguel**	L/R	R	5-11	160	11/ 1/54	Santiago, D.R.	Charleston	125	471	1	26	.217
								Pittsburgh	18	6	0	0	.000
23	Kirkpatrick, Ed (1B-C)	L	R	6-0	204	10/ 8/44	Spokane, Wash.	Pittsburgh	89	144	5	16	.236
24	Moreno, Omar**	L	L	6-3	173	10/24/52	Puerto Armuelles, Pan.	Charleston	130	447	9	51	.284
								Pittsburgh	6	6	0	0	.167
16	Oliver, Al	L	L	6-1	192	10/14/46	Portsmouth, Ohio	Pittsburgh	155	628	18	84	.280
39	Parker, Dave	L	R	6-5	220	6/ 9/51	Cincinnati, Ohio	Pittsburgh	148	558	25	101	.308
28	Robinson, Bill	R	R	6-3	206	6/26/43	Elizabeth, Pa.	Pittsburgh	92	200	6	33	.280
22	Zisk, Richie	R	R	6-1	208	2/ 6/49	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Pittsburgh	147	504	20	75	.290

(*) Denotes League Leadership

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(**) Qualifies as M.L. Rookie

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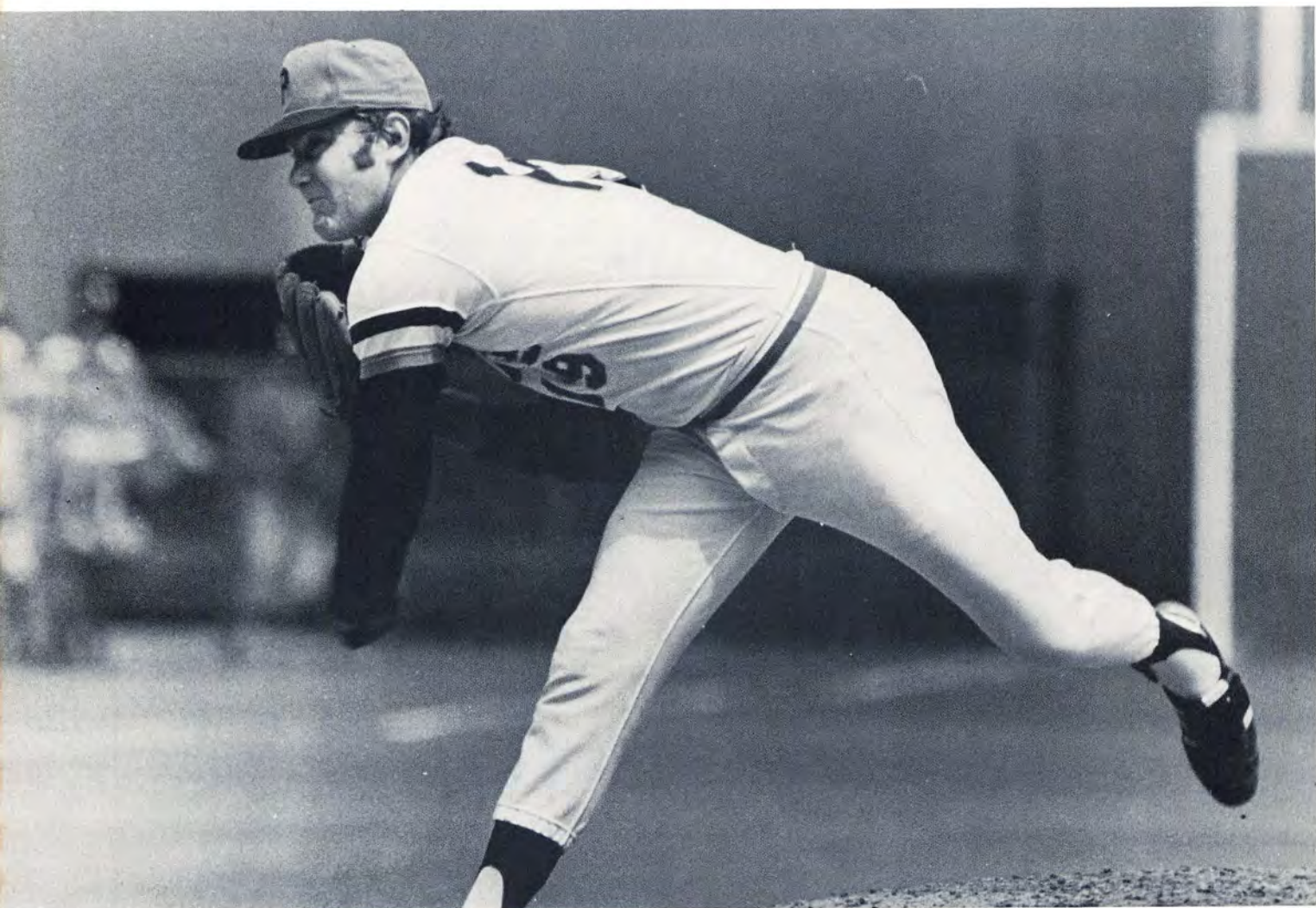
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Jimmy Rooker



"One of our big mistakes—we had a chance to get Rooker before the Pirates." . . . *Bing Devine, General Manager, St. Louis Cardinals.*

Like good wine, Jimmy Rooker seems to improve with age. He was second on the Pirate staff in wins (13) and his ERA was under 3.00 (2.97) for the third straight year he has been a Pirate. He and Jerry Reuss were the only two Pirate pitchers who were in the starting rotation throughout the season. Since joining the Bucs in 1972 from Omaha (Kansas City Organization) his record is 38-28 with a 2.86 ERA. He possesses good breaking stuff, a moving fastball with good control and the ability to retire lefthanded or righthanded hitters. A converted outfielder, Jimmy is far from an automatic out at the plate.





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Bob Robertson



"I think I've matured as a hitter. I've learned to go to right field when the situation dictates; and with the knowledge I've picked up with experience, I've made up my mind to be productive. My goal is to be the team's best pinch-hitter when it comes to driving in runs." . . . *Bob Robertson.*

Bob Robertson's .274 batting average was the second best of his major league career, but knee problems limited him to only 124 at-bats—by far the lowest of his professional career. Surgery was performed on his right knee in October, and it is hoped that he will be able to regain his status as the best-fielding first baseman in the game. He swings a quick bat and Danny Murtaugh uses him as a pinch hitter in clutch situations regardless of whether the pitcher is left-handed or right-handed. Bob added six homeruns in 1975 giving him a career total of 104—good for 10th on the all-time Pirate homerun list. He holds five records in Championship Series play—including 3 home runs in one game.





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Ramon Hernandez



"Any left handed batter who gets a hit off Ramon deserves it." . . . *Al Oliver.*

Ramon Hernandez, with his vast collection of pitches and angles of delivery, has anchored the left side of the Pirate bullpen since 1971. The mustachioed Puerto Rican has a 2.36 ERA with the Pirates during this 5 year stretch, while appearing in 226 games. In 1975 he set a personal Major League high with seven wins and he closed the season with a seven-game winning streak. Ramon's side arm curve ball makes him especially effective against left-handers and he throws a screwball with success to righthanders. His acquisition from the Mexico City Reds in 1971 was a homecoming of sorts for Ramon—he had signed his first professional contract with the Bucs in 1959.



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John Candelaria



"He's all arms and legs and his ball is hard to pick up. The game he threw against us (October 9) was the best I can remember against us all year from a left hander." . . . Pete Rose, Cincinnati Reds.

John Candelaria was a pleasant surprise for the Pirates in 1975 after his recall from Charleston on June 6, but it was in the third game of the Championship Series that he made the entire Baseball world sit up and take notice. He hurled a super game against the Reds on October 9, striking out 14 (a Championship Series record) in 7.2 innings and giving up only 3 hits—2 of which were homeruns by Dave Concepcion and Pete Rose. John had several other memorable games in 1975, including his first major league win in which he bested the Mets' Tom Seaver. He fanned 13 Cubs on June 26 at Chicago and he had a no-hitter for 6⅔ innings against Atlanta on August 22. John is blessed with a live fast ball and a good breaking pitch. All that remains is for him to learn how to get the most out of this great natural ability.



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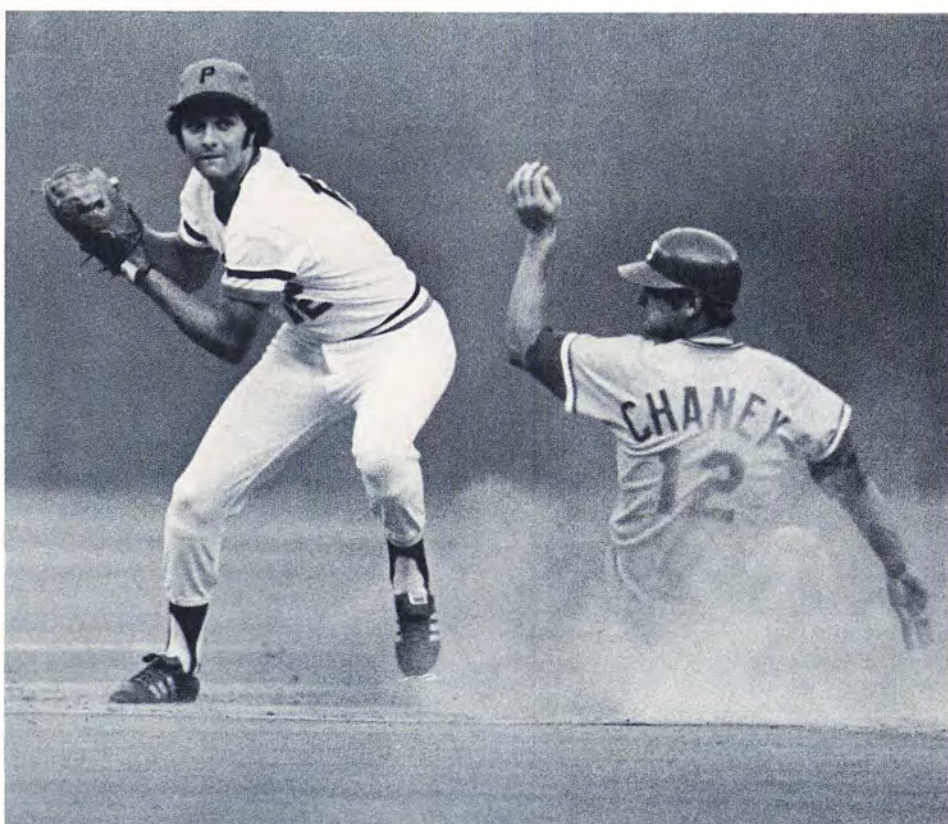


Craig Reynolds



"The thing I try to do is be consistent. That's the thing they've always stressed in the minor leagues and Spring Training. It's not the great plays that win pennants. It's that day-to-day consistency." . . . *Craig Reynolds.*

In 1975 Craig Reynolds was one of the triumvirate of Pirate shortstops (along with Frank Taveras and Mario Mendoza), but Pirate officials see a bright future for the dedicated young Texan. He is a fine fielder with speed and a strong arm, and he has had two straight .300 plus years for the AAA Charleston Charlies. Craig is an aggressive line drive hitter, swings a quick bat and pulls the ball well. He joined the Pirates on July 31 last season and saw shortstop duty in 30 games while coming through with a hit in his sole pinch-hit appearance. Still considered a rookie, Craig is a good student of the game, possessing a fine attitude. During the off season he attends Houston Baptist College.



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Pirate Baseball— 100 Years With the Bucs

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The Pittsburgh Pirates have dominated the National League East since the inception of divisional play in 1969, with five divisional titles in the seven year span. A World Championship (in 1971) was, of course, the most recent ultimate for Pirate supporters, but over the years the Pirates have developed a proud tradition, contributing such Hall of Famers as Honus Wagner, Fred Clarke, Pie Traynor, Paul and Lloyd Waner, Max Carey, Bill McKechnie, Branch Rickey, Kiki Cuyler, Roberto Clemente and Ralph Kiner. These Pirate greats played special roles in six Pirate pennants—1903, 1909, 1925, 1927, 1960 and 1971 and four World Series wins—1909, 1925, 1960 and '71.

In a year of bicentennials and centennials, Pittsburgh baseball has its own special cause for celebration, for on April 15, 1876, the first professional game in Pittsburgh was played in Union Park by the Pittsburgh Alleghenies of the International Association. Six years later the Alleghenies joined the American Association League and Pittsburgh became a National League city on April 30, 1887 with a 6-2 win over Chicago at Recreation Park. The Alleghenies became known as the "Pirates" in 1890 for allegedly "pirating" a player from the Philadelphia Club after the disbanding of the Players' (Brotherhood) League, to which many stars had jumped over salary disputes. The following year the Pirates took over Exposition Park on the north side of the Allegheny River, and remained there until Forbes Field opened on June 30, 1909. Bill Benswanger succeeded his father-in-law, Barney Dreyfuss as President in 1932, and 14 years later the current owners—John Galbreath, Tom Johnson and Bing Crosby purchased the club. Joe L. Brown followed Branch Rickey as General Manager in 1955 and Dan Galbreath assumed the duties of President late in 1969. The colorful history of Forbes Field, spanning eight decades, came to an end on June 28, 1970, and the Pirates opened Three Rivers Stadium on July 16 of that year.

Among the many memories cherished by Pirate fans are the 18 home-runs hit on or over the right field roof at Forbes Field—the first by Babe Ruth in 1935 (the 714th and last of Babe's



Clemente's 3,000th hit.



Pie Traynor



Honus Wagner



Max Carey



Ralph Kiner



Dale Long



Harvey Haddix

career) and eight subsequent drives on or over the roof by Willie Stargell; no-hitters by Nick Maddox, Cliff Chambers, Harvey Haddix, Bob Moose and Dock Ellis; Roberto Clemente's 500-foot homer in Wrigley Field; Bill Mazeroski's magic at second base; Harvey Haddix's 12 perfect innings vs. Milwaukee (only to lose the game in the 13th); Dale Long's homers in 8 consecutive games; Willie Stargell's four upper deckers at Three Rivers Stadium (and one by Bob Robertson); Clemente's catch in the Astrodome; Roberto Clemente night at Three Rivers Stadium; Bobby Bragan serving orange juice to the umpires; the first radio broadcast of a baseball game—Bucs vs. Phils over KDKA in 1921; umpire Jocko Conlan chasing Frankie Frisch and his umbrella in the rain; Pie Traynor's dazzling play at third base; Ralph Ki-

ner's homeruns; Roy Face's 22 consecutive game winning streak; Clemente's 3,000th hit; the first World Series game ever played (Pirates vs. Red Sox in 1903); the Pirates-Reds triple header in 1920; Maz's homerun to win the 1960 Series; Steve Blass and Clemente combining for the '71 World Series win over Baltimore; Kiki Cuyler's double off Walter Johnson to defeat the Senators in the '25 Series; Babe Adams winning three games vs. Detroit in the 1909 World Series and Danny Murtaugh's Rocking Chair.

These are some of the thrills in the first 100 years of professional baseball in Pittsburgh. And best of all, each year provides new heroes who will evoke more fond memories as the years go by.

Pirate Families— They're Involved



Even for Spanish-speaking Mrs. Frank Taveras and Frank Jr., pennant fever is language they can understand.



Mrs. Ed Kirkpatrick paces herself for the drive.

Kevin Zisk is oblivious to dad's bat and mom's coaching.



Mrs. Bruce Kison and daughter, Jennifer: Little girls like pep talks, too.





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Mario Mendoza



"In the field he has moves of magic." . . .
Bob Smizik, Pittsburgh Press.

Mario Mendoza is no stranger to Pirate fans. The flashy-fielding Mexican with the good range and fine arm was a huge favorite in Pittsburgh last season, appearing mostly as a late-inning replacement at shortstop. Performing on a part-time basis wreaked havoc with Mario's batting average, but he has hit consistently when playing regularly in the minor leagues. He also brings the welcome ingredient of speed to the Pirate lineup—once having pilfered 30 bases with Sherbrooke in 1973.





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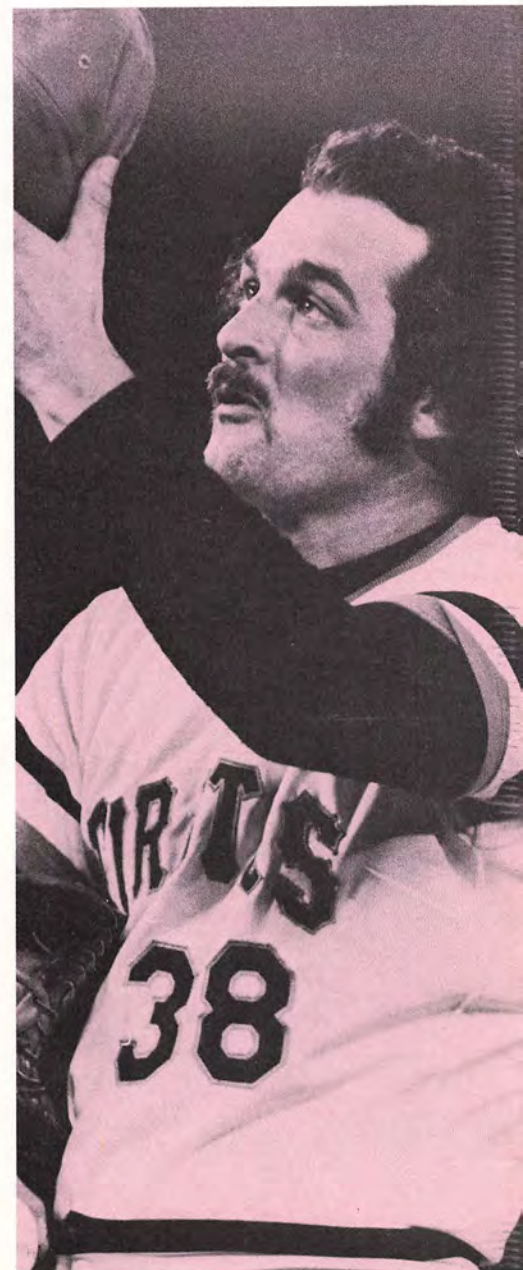
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Larry Demery
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"Demery made the trip (to the majors) so quickly mainly because he was long on talent but also because he had all the determination an athlete could want." . . . Bob Smizik, *Pittsburgh Press*.

"Larry Demery is as refreshing an athlete as you'd want to meet. Here's a kid who, as corny as it might sound, loves the game. He's only 22, but a professional in every sense of the word." . . . Ed Rose, *Beaver County Times*.

The dedication and desire of this fine righthander belie his youthful 22 years. He was used both as a starter and as a short and long reliever last season, during which he kept his ERA at 2.90 while winning 7 and dropping 5 (4-3 in relief with 4 saves). Larry is primarily a fast ball pitcher, but he enjoys a sound arm and good natural stuff; and he has been working hard with Pirate pitching coach Don Osborn to improve his curve and change. His first Major League game on June 1, 1974 was an auspicious debut—he fanned four of the first six Reds he faced—Bill Plummer, Pete Rose, Joe Morgan and Dave Driesen. Larry could assume a regular starter's role in the not too distant future. His father was a fine pitcher in the California and Mexico Negro Leagues.





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Bob Moose
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"It's their attitude that impresses me. It doesn't seem to bother any of the guys if they lose. They just come right back and pop you the next day. They seem to brush off the losses, and they don't get fat heads when they win." . . . *Johnny Bench, Cincinnati Reds.*

If Bob Moose had his "druthers", he would delete his last two seasons from Baseball's record books. In 1974 he suffered a blood clot under his right shoulder necessitating remedial surgery, and 1975 was the year of recovery. As a result, his won-lost record for '74-'75 was only 3-7, hardly comparable to his five preceding seasons when his wins were always in the double figures. Now, thankfully, the initial scare of a jeopardized career is over and the painful road to recovery is mostly behind him. Last September, he was 2-0, one being a complete game victory over the

Phillies; and he allowed only one earned run in 26 innings over the final month of the season, as he again displayed the hard slider and good sinking pitch that had served him in good stead for so many seasons. If the Bob Moose who came this close to hurling the only Forbes Field no-hitter—if the Bob Moose whose .824 won-lost percentage in 1969 was the best in the N.L.—if the Bob Moose who no-hit the Mets in 1969—if this Bob Moose can stage a come-back in 1976, then Pirate pitching will receive yet another boost in the National League's Centennial Year.



Watch for those exploding Pirate bats!
And while you're watching, look for our messages
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